

What is claimed is:

1. A fence module for use in a burrowing-animal discouraging modular fence, comprising:
  - a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a tapered lower end;
  - upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row with a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members, wherein said elongate members have a spacing of between about 1 inch and about 2 ½ inches;
  - a connector extending outwardly beyond at least one of said pair of end members for closely connecting said module to another module;
  - said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3 inches below said lower crossbar for insertion into ground;
  - said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower crossbar.
2. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said upper crossbar extends across and covers said upper ends of said plurality of elongate members.
3. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said spacing between said elongate members is uniform.
4. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said elongate members are tubular.
5. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said module is made from aluminum.
6. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said row of elongate members is generally straight.
7. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said row of elongate members is curved.
8. A fence module according to claim 7, wherein said curved row of elongate members forms an arc of between about 30° and about 90°.

9. A fence module according to claim 7, wherein said curved row of elongate members forms an arc of between about 60°.
10. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said module is about 2 feet long.
11. A fence module according to claim 1, wherein said elongate members extend between about 16 inches and about 24 inches above said lower crossbar.
12. A fence module for use in a burrowing-animal discouraging modular fence, comprising:  
a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a tapered lower end;  
upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row with a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members, wherein said elongate members have a spacing of between about 1 inch and about 2 ½ inches;  
two pairs of lips, each pair comprising upper and lower lips, each pair of lips extending outwardly beyond a corresponding one of said pair of end members, each of said pairs of lips providing guides for receiving an elongate stake for connecting each pair of lips to a corresponding pair of lips on another module, wherein said elongate stake includes a tapered lower end for insertion into ground, wherein spacing between said elongate stake and the corresponding end member is not more than about 2 ½ inches;  
said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3 inches below said lower crossbar for insertion into ground;  
said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower crossbar.
13. A fence module according to claim 12, wherein said spacing between said elongate members and between said elongate stake and said corresponding end member is uniform.
14. A modular fence for discouraging burrowing animals, comprising:  
a plurality of modules each having;

a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a tapered lower end;  
upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row with a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members, wherein said elongate members have a spacing of between about 1 inch and about 2 ½ inches;  
two pairs of lips, each pair comprising upper and lower lips, each pair of lips extending outwardly beyond a corresponding one of said pair of end members, each of said pairs of lips providing guides for receiving an elongate stake for connecting each pair of lips to a corresponding pair of lips on another module;  
said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3 inches below said lower crossbar for insertion into ground;  
said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower crossbar;  
wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a generally straight row of said elongate members;  
wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a curved row of said elongate members;  
wherein said elongate stake includes a tapered lower end for insertion into said ground, and wherein said elongate stake is no more than about 2 ½ inches away from said corresponding end members of said connected modules.

15. A modular fence according to claim 14, further comprising an anchor brace inserted into said ground, said anchor brace having a cross section that is larger than said elongate stake and said members and at least one lip protruding outwardly from said brace, said lip of said brace including a guide for receiving said elongate stake.

16. A method of installing a modular fence for discouraging burrowing animals comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of modules, each having;  
a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a tapered lower end;

upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row with a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members, wherein said elongate members have spacing of between about 1 inch and about 2 ½ inches;

a connector extending outwardly beyond at least one of said pair of end members, said connector providing a guide;

said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3 inches below said lower crossbar;

said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower crossbar;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a generally straight row of said elongate members;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a curved row of said elongate members;

positioning said plurality of modules along a border of an area to be enclosed;

inserting said tapered lower ends of said elongate members of said plurality of modules at least about 3 inches into ground; and

inserting an elongate stake having a tapered lower end through said guides of said modules and into said ground to connect said adjacent modules together, wherein spacing between said elongate stake and the corresponding end member is not more than about 2 ½ inches.